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LAGOS FOR PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATU-
LATIONS TO SEKOU TOURE AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN
MONROVIA SUMMIT

REF: (A) MONROVIA 1988 (NOTAL), (B) CONAKRY 561 (NOTAL)

1. APPRECIATE THAT PRESIDENT'S TIME IS FULLY BOOKED AND
SUBSTANCE OF HIS STATEMENTS PLANNED FOR LAGOS AND MONROVIA
IS LARGELY SET, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO URGE MOST STRONGLY
DESIRABILITY OF HIS SENDING TIMELY MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS
TO CHIEFS OF STATE WHO PARTICIPATED IN RECENT
MONROVIA SUMMIT NORMALIZING GUINEAN RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL
AND IVORY COAST. THEIR RECONCILIATION IS OF MAJOR SIGNI-
FICANCE FOR WEST AFRICA, AFFECTING THE OVERALL ATMOSPHERE
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OF RELATIONS IN THE REGION, HOLDING PROMISE FOR FURTHER
HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRESS IN GUINEA, AND POSSIBLY OPENING
THE WAY FOR GUINEAN COOPERATION IN THE SENEGAL AND GAMBIA
RIVER DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS. THE USG ENCOURAGED PAR-
TICIPATION IN THE MONROVIA SUMMIT, AND I BELIEVE IT WOULD
BE APPROPRIATE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND
WELCOME THE SUMMIT'S SUCCESS AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS HEADS

OF STATE MADE TO IT. INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES TO HEADS OF STATE, AS PROPOSED REFS A AND B (BEING REPEATED LAGOS), WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND TOGETHER WITH MENTION BY THE PRESIDENT IN HIS REMARKS IN LAGOS AND/OR MONROVIA WOULD MAKE AN APPROPRIATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMBIANCE OF HIS VISIT IN WEST AFRICA.

2. FROM OUR PAROCHIAL POINT OF VIEW, MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION TO PRESIDENT TOURE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE, AS IT WAS HIS INITIATIVE THAT STARTED MOVEMENT TOWARD THE SUMMIT IN THE FIRST PLACE. RADIO CONAKRY HAS BEEN BROADCASTING MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS TO TOURE, AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF USG LIKEWISE PUT ITSELF ON RECORD. PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE WOULD SEEM A SIMPLE, INEXPENSIVE GESTURE, BUT IN THE CONTEXT OF WEST AFRICA, IT WOULD HAVE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OUT OF ALL PROPORTION TO THE EFFORT INVOLVED.
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